

Dear Commissioners:

I have been a radio and television broadcaster for more than 30 years. I have, therefore, lived through the relaxation of ownership rules for the radio industry.

I urge you to harken back to the days when there were real people on our radio waves... when stations not only had entertaining personalities in all day parts... but most stations had actual news departments as well. These were people who knew their local communities.

In the wake of deregulation, however, you are hard pressed to find a local radio newscast and with the exception of morning drive... much of the programming on many stations is mediocre, satellite-delivered fare.

Bottom line... today's radio programming often fails to serve the listeners... you know... those people who are supposed to own the airwaves and be served by them.

If you go ahead with relaxation of the ownership rules for television stations and newspapers, I see much the same scenario ahead, including super broadcast groups that may choose to serve their own agendas, political or otherwise, rather than serve the public.

If you go ahead with the current plan, the industry will suffer... and scores of jobs will be lost.

At the least, please allow more time for research and debate on the impact this latest round of deregulation is likely to have.

Thank you for your consideration